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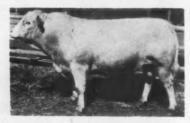
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#### Imports Continue

MET IMPORTS OF CATTLE AND BEEF CARCASS WEIGHT EQUIVALENT, AS A 10 PERCENTAGE OF DOMESTIC PRODUCTION

1940

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the American National Cattlemen's Association at its Aug. 12 meeting in Denver again expressed concern over the continuing heavy imports of beef and lack of effective import protection in a down-trend market.

To show some details in this situation, the American Cattle Producer has gathered together figures that effectively tell the story. These USDA figures show actual imports of beef and yeal for the first half

of 1960 as 204.7 million lbs. against 214.8 million lbs. the first half of

In the first half of 1 9 6 0 Australia sent us 59.8 million lbs. of beef and veal (78.4 million in '59); New Zealand sent 60.3 million lbs. in 1960 (61.5 million in

'59). These countries are the heavy cow-beef exporters to our shores. Ireland also sends us large amounts of beef.

1950

Six ships left Australia in the first two weeks of July with 15.9 million lbs. of frozen beef for U. S. ports; four ships left the week of July 18 with 5.5 million lbs. for our ports.

WE ARE NOW well into the third year of heavy beef and veal imports. Total for the 12 months of 1958 was 356.6 million lbs.; for 1959, 520.4 million lbs. If import levels continue through the second half of 1960 at the same rate as in the first six months, it is conceivable that our acceptance of foreign beef and veal could total 509.5 million pounds this year.

In 1959 the net (i.e., exports deducted) carcass equivalent of these imports as a percentage of domestic production was 8.3%; in '58 it was 8.4%. For the years 1930 to 1957 the average was 2.7%. The accompanying chart shows the pattern

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If you figure pickled and boneless beef imports (like our cow beef, nearly all the beef that comes in is low grade, used for processed meat) as a percentage of U. S. cow-beef production, you come up with the striking figures of 29% in 1959 and 19% in 1958. Previous to that these percentages were around 2 or 3%.

These figures show the contrast between what might be considered close to "reasonable" imports, to which the cattle industry does not object, and the heavy recent imports.

IN THE MEANTIME here's what has happened to canner and cutter cattle prices, which take the brunt of the beef imports:

At Chicago the week of Aug. 9, 1958, the price was \$16.90 per cwt.; the week of Aug. 8, 1959, it was \$15.82; in the week of Aug. 6, 1960 the price had dropped to

\$13.12. The markets at Omaha, Kansas City and Denver showed similar drops over the period. And USDA forecasts even a further drop in cow prices because of anticipated heavier cow marketings.

Experts tell us that the effect of heavy imports on cattle prices is about \$1.50 a cwt.

In this down-sliding price situation, how long can the beef cattle industry stand the pressure of continued heavy imports?

Cattle prices as between Brisbane, Australia, and Chicago, U.S.A., were recently given by the USDA as follows: Good steers at Brisbane \$13.18; good steers at Chicago \$25.69.

HOW LONG will the heavy imports continue to come in? Obviously as long as the foreign exporters make a profit. But even if prices slip below the profit level, there will be several months before contracts are cleared, and then imports probably will taper off. During such a period of declining prices, imports would help to depress our own markets further.

#### Central Market Issue

IN PRESENTING this third Central Markets Edition, the American Cattle Producer wants to extend its appreciation to the many terminal market agencies and officials who have contributed both editorially and through advertising space to bring the story of the central markets to our readers.

As on former occasions, we wish to explain that the Producer takes no stand on how cattle should be marketed. We believe that all avenues of marketing should be open to the cattlemen.

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The calf and lamb crops for 1960 are larger than last year but the pig crop is down sharply. Numbers of cattle and sheep continue to rise but the rate of increase may be slowing. Volume of feeding is above a year earlier. Seasonal increases in marketing are under way. A high supply and some down-trend in cattle prices are in view for next year. Hog production during 1960 will continue below a year earlier. Production may turn up next year but 1961 slaughter is not expected to show much of an increase over this year.

The calf crop in 1960 is expected to be only 1% larger than in 1959. A higher slaughter rate for cattle and smaller imports indicate that gain in numbers of cattle and calves on hand this year will likely be less than the increase of 4.9 million head during 1959. Cattle prices have trended downward for over a year and currently average about \$3 per cwt. below a year earlier.

Relatively stable fed cattle prices seem probable the rest of this year, but some seasonal declines are in prospect for feeder cattle. Barring an unexpected deterioration in range feed conditions, marketings of grass cattle this fall are expected to be only moderately larger than last fall.

Prospects for profits in cattle feeding this coming season are generally more favorable than those of last season. Prices for feeder cattle this fall will be below last fall by a greater margin than fed cattle. Prices for feed will likely be a little under a year earlier. Because of the rapid build-up in numbers, however, cattle producers and feeders will operate under the threat of a possible bulge in cattle marketings.

The outlook for beef cattle in 1961 has special significance for producers of feeder cattle this fall and to those who fatten cattle for sale next year. In looking at prospects for cattle feeding, one fact stands out—it is that cattle numbers have now progressed to a point where increased marketings of all classes of cattle are almost inevitable. The potential for slaughter in 1961 is considerably greater than in 1960. The key element in price prospects for the next few years is how much slaughter actually does increase. Cattle producers and feeders should be alert to the possibility of a bulge in marketings and lower prices. Unless triggered by a widespread drouth or a marked change in economic conditions, however, the prospect for next year is for gradual rather than sharp changes in marketings and prices.

During the first half of 1960, 10% more cattle and 4% more calves were slaughtered in commercial plants than a year earlier. Weekly slaughter rates in July and early August were above last year, and in the second half of 1960 the slaughter rate for both cattle and calves is expected to total significantly above a year before. Such a rate, together with the small gain in the 1960 calf crop over 1959, plus smaller cattle imports, will slow down the uptrend in cattle numbers but will not halt it. Additions to cattle and calf inventories this year are expected to total about 3 million head. During 1959, additions totaled 4.9 million head.

**Prices** for hogs will continue above a year earlier this fall and winter, though the margin will likely narrow by next spring if producers carry out their plans. Some further expansion is taking place in sheep production. Lamb prices will probably be seasonally lower this fall but are not expected to drop below prices of late last year.

**Production** of all red meat in 1960 is expected to be about 27.9 billion pounds, 2% above last year. However, because of smaller imports and the gain in population, supplies per person will be down about a pound from the 160 pounds consumed in 1959.

Generally favorable feed crop prospects in early August and record carryover stocks are expected to result in another record feed concentrate supply in 1960-61. Production of the four feed grains, based on Aug. 1 indications, plus stocks carried over and by-product feed, amounts to a supply above the record of last year.

The national economy showed mixed trends as the third quarter got under way, suggesting relatively stable levels of business activity for the near future. Consumer incomes and expenditures were at record highs, and employment and prices in general held relatively stable. The rate of industrial output held fairly steady, slightly below the peak reached early in the year.

Bureau of Labor statistics show the cost of living rose to a record high in July for the fifth consecutive month. The consumer price index went up 0.1% to a July reading of 126.6. This meant that goods and services bought by the average middle-income city family cost 26.6% more in July than in 1947-49.

-From USDA Reports.

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# What a Central Market Provides

By A. Z. BAKER, President American Stock Yards Association

A central market provides the livestock industry a coordinated unit in an important segment of the livestock marketing system.

The central markets have served and contributed to the development of the livestock industry for nearly 100 years during which they have provided the market facilities and services through and by which a tremendous volume of cattle, swine and sheep have moved from the farms and ranches to processors and distributors and ultimately to the consumers of meat. They were established to satisfy a vital need for dependable markets, competent marketing services and reliable market information.

By 1921 the central markets had become so impressed with public interest that the Congress enacted laws, notably the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921, to govern the selling and buying and handling of livestock at these markets and to provide the necessary protection for livestock producers in the marketing phase of their business.

In recent years developments in livestock production, transportation, refrigeration and communication have made possible and encouraged the expansion of livestock production in widespread areas, the decentralization of livestock procurement and slaughtering, the multiplication of secondary markets, both public and private, and the growth of direct buying from farms, ranches and feedlots. The expansion of livestock procurement from sources not subject to regulation under the Packers and Stockyards Act caused the Congress to amend that law in 1958, making it unlawful for any stockyard operator, market agency dealer or packer to engage in or use any unfair, unjustly discriminatory or deceptive practice or device in connection with the receiving, marketing, buying, selling, weighing, handling, delivery or shipment of livestock anywhere in interstate commerce.

By the expansion of the Act the Congress provided basic rules to govern marketing practices, means for comparison of marketing services, and ready procedures for the prosecution of unlawful practices. Effective enforcement of the Act will eliminate many unfair, discriminatory and prejudicial practices, and enable the livestock producers intelligently and confidently to choose the marketing channels suiting their needs.

The central markets, though numbering only around 50, handle a substantial volume of the livestock marketed and slaughtered in the United States. In the most recent year of 1959 central markets provided the facilities and selling services for 19,060,000 cattle, 3,264,000 calves, 34,751,000 hogs and 12,979,000 sheep and lambs, which is equiva-

lent to 60.4% of the cattle, 25.7% of the calves, 40.9% of the hogs and 59.3% of the sheep and lambs marketed from the farms and ranches of the United States that year.

A central market provides a number of distinct but coordinated services.

It provides a convenient and accessible focal point for the assembly and concentration of an attractive volume of livestock and for the distribution of that livestock to buyers throughout the nation.

It provides suitable stockyard facilities and services for the safe, sanitary and efficient handling of livestock. Every safeguard is provided to avoid and prevent the spread of livestock diseases.

A central market provides favorable conditions for the sale and purchase of livestock at its true value, reflecting national, as well as local, supply and demand. It provides a method of selling in which the seller and buyer are each represented by skilled agents, trading at arm's length, under effective regulation assuring fair trading practices. Its several functions and agencies are coordinated, rather than integrated, to provide an efficient marketing unit.

It provides competent, as well as competitive, selling services by qualified market agencies. Competition, either among sellers or buyers, is not the sole assurance of fair prices. The

central markets were founded on, and still recognize, the need for competent and expert sales agents to represent producers in negotiating the sale of their livestock

A central market provides competing buyers for the livestock offered for sale. Packer buyers representing adjacent slaugterers, order buyers representing distant slaughterers and feeders, and dealers who buy and sell on the markets assure broad and active demand for livestock during the market hours of the days and the market day of the week.

A central market provides accurate

weighing by competent and reputable weighers employed by the stockyard owner and having no financial interest either as the seller or the buyer. The weighing is performed on scales which are installed, maintained, regularly tested and operated under supervision so as to insure accurate weights. The actual weights obtained at the time and place of the consummation of the sales are used as the basis for the settlement for the livestock

A central market provides reliable and comparable market reports of sales and market conditions obtained by competent reporters, based on actual observation examination of the sales records and statements of parties to the transactions who are forbidden by regulation to give any false or misleading information in respect to such sales.

A central market provides prompt and certain payment of the proceeds of the sale of livestock, a time-honored practice which is now required by regulations, guaranteed by bonds and further assured by the diligence of the market agency in collecting the amount of the sale from the buyer.

A central market provides, without discrimination, reasonable marketing services, at reasonable rates and charges and supervised by the USDA.

A central market provides two basic services for the livestock industry: (1) the facilities and services incident to and necessary for the conversion of livestock into a fair number of dollars. and (2) the standards used and useful as a basis for comparison of facilities. services, charges and prices of livestock at different markets. The importance of these services should not be overlooked or discounted.

force (these are the only markets where the farmers or ranchers are represented by a sales force), is evidenced by the fact that 32% of the nation's farm income last year came from the sale of meat animals. Continuing to recognize the importance of livestock to the economy of the farmer and rancher, these markets have improved facilities to render without discrimination the most efficient service provided by any type of market in handling their customer's livestock.

These markets recognize that, while temporarily we may have overproduction of feed grains and farmers may be caught in a cost price squeeze, thereby requiring the highest type of facilities at the lowest cost, meat in the nation's diet will become more important. It is estimated that in 1975 farmers must produce 50% more cattle, 58% more hogs and 28% more sheep if they are to meet the diet requirements of the nation's population. These public markets, members of the American Stock Yards Association, are meeting this challenge by spending large amounts of capital to provide the most up-to-date facilities and services for efficiently receiving, varding, feeding, watering, selling, buying, weighing, holding, handling and delivering livestock for the nation's farmers and ranchers and to the buyers who are attracted to these

Perhaps the determination of price is the most important single function of the central public livestock market. The price paid for animals at these major markets largely determines the daily price for much of the livestock on our farms and ranches, and thereby influences the national economy.

These markets have facilities that permit the handling of livestock so they will appear at their best when being shown for sale. Good facilities and proper handling are incentives that attract large numbers of livestock. A concentration of livestock attracts buyers and this makes the supply of animals available to buyers for local packing companies, national packing companies and order buyers buying for packing companies located away from the market. Many markets have a distinct advantage in that the packing companies located at the markets require a large percentage of these re-

#### The Marketing Challenge of the 60's

By DON K. SPALDING, Executive Vice-President, St. Joseph Stock Yards Co.

In the Soaring '60s or the Sober '60s -whatever they may turn out to bemarketing will be one of the most important factors in all of agriculture. In fact, it will be known as the marketing decade.

Livestock production and marketing is big business. In fact, the area served by the American Cattle Producer, which includes the north central region and the eleven western states of this country accounts for a high percentage of the United States farm production of meat animals.

This area will account for almost 90% of the nation's pork supply, 60% or more of the nation's supply of beef. veal and lamb, and something like four-fifths of the meat animal production

In this area you will find a high percentage of the nation's total livestock slaughter. In these regions, the ter minal markets, or the central public livestock markets as we would call them, are the most important outlet for slaughter steers and heifers. They are an important outlet for other slaughter cattle and calves, and an importantant outlet for sheep and lambs. These markets since 1940 have held steady or increased slightly in the handling of slaughter hogs.

The question is, "Why have these central public livestock markets maintained or increased their stature in the handling of slaughter animals during the past two decades?"

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ceipts for their weekly slaughter requirements. This provides a more stable demand that is reflected in a more even price range with less fluctuation. These markets have modern facilities for receiving both truck and rail shipments. The animals do not need to move very far until they are in a pen equipped with water, sewerage and feeding facilities where they can rest, fill and be ready to be shown as soon as the market is open for trading.

Animals arriving at the market, either day or night (365 days a year) are fed according to the shippers' instructions. It is the policy of the market to make feed and water available to shippers to enable their livestock to regain part or all of the shrink incurred in shipping. The feeding and watering of livestock is important to both the seller and buyer, because, in addition to the added weight, the animal with a normal fill appears more natural and it is easier for the buyer to assess its real value. Such animals do not require feeding if they are to be slaughtered within 48 hours.

This is an age of salesmanship. Perhaps less effort or less thought is given to selling the nation's livestock as compared to the many other agricultural or industrial commodities. This job is entrusted to the livestock commission firm salesman who acts as the agent for the owner in all transactions. He has bargaining ability and trading ability equal to that of the buyers with whom he trades. Contrary to general belief. he does not ask the buyer what he will give, but prices his animals at what he believes them to be worth on that particular day and takes aggressive command of the trade. Should the first buyer not be in position to meet the asking price, the salesman lets him go, and this procedure is followed until the salesman has given a buyer who can use the animals to their best advantage an opportunity to bid on them. Each animal or consignment is sold on its merits and there is no combining of consignments to improve the price for one particular lot. Most sales are made on the basis of weight, but the animals are not weighed before selling, and weight is only one of the factors.

All weights are made at the completion of the trade on scales owned by the stockyards company by an experienced scaler employed by the stockyards company, except in those states where state weighmasters are provided by law. In either case, it is a disinterested party and neither the seller or buyer that does the weighing.

The scales are of the most modern design, placed over 6-foot pits that provide ample working space, and most scales have a 5-pound break on the beam. All scales have a recording device that stamps the weight on the ticket so there can be no mistake in copying the weights. The scales are under federal and state supervision and are carefully tested. Weights to the

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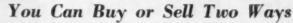
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full capacity of the scale are used in completing the test. If a scale has a 30,000 capacity, 30,000 pounds of weights are used in testing to insure accurate weighing. The system of operation and testing of scales insure accurate weights for both the seller and the buyer.

These markets are open to all shippers and buyers who want to use them. All shippers and buyers receive the same high quality service and no discrimination is shown. The livestock is received, sold and delivered to the buyer in such a way as to secure minimum shrink. These services can be had at reasonable charges as all charges are approved by the USDA.

The central public livestock markets have been carrying on building and repair programs that total into the millions of dollars to provide the officient services and facilities to which their customers are entitled. Many changes have been necessary in order to switch the various yards from strictly rail equipment to ones of combined rail and truck service. It has been necessary to divide pens, build new truck unloading facilities and rearrange the movement of animals through the yards. Many of the pens of a size to accommodate two or more carloads of cattle have been divided so each one now holds one truckload. Millions of dollars have been spent at the various central public livestock markets to complete these changes, but the stockyards companies have been willing to spend the money to make the changes because the new and modern facilities have improved services

#### **WEIGHTS & WEIGHING**

A. K. MACKEY, Vice-President, Oklahoma National Stock Yards Company

Weighing of livestock at a central or terminal market receives as much, or more, emphasis and consideration as any other service offered. Stockyard companies who own and operate the scales are fully aware of their responsibility to sellers and buyers. These companies regard their scales and the operation of them as a most important function.

Weighing service on a central or terminal market is planned in a manner that commission companies can receive relatively large numbers of live stock at night and during the early morning of a market day. This livestock can be sold and weighed that same morning or early afternoon in time for buyers to take charge of their respective buys and have the livestock on the way to its destination before the end of the day. Scales on central or terminal markets are located and operated to permit commission companies to weigh shortly after a sale is made. Careful planning goes into all phases of scale operation in order to provide the best of service to both the consignor of livestock to the market and to the buyer of that livestock.

All livestock producers who consign their livestock to a market for sale expect accurate weights. All buyers who purchase livestock on a market expect accurate weights. In fact, accurate weights are not only expected by all parties, they are traditionally accepted as one of the characteristics of the central livestock market.

How is accuracy provided and maintained? To provide this accuracy, scales of a type, size and weighing capacity

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approved by the Packers and Stockyards Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA, are used on all central markets.

Most scale platforms are approximately 12x24 feet. The weighing capacity for scales on many markets is up to 20,000 pounds and some 30,000 pounds. All weighbeams are of a type registering style with 5-pound graduations.

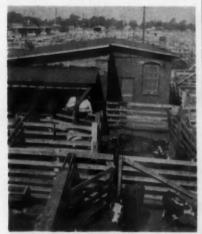
To maintain this accuracy, all scales are tested at regular intervals. In most cases these intervals are three months but not more than six months. All tests are made with a scale representative of the P&S Division present and receiving a detail copy of the test report for his file. A variation or tolerance of not to exceed 2 pounds per 1,000 is acceptable. However, most terminal markets show as small as 3 to 5 pounds variation at 20,000-pound capacity.

Additional tests are made at any time there may be a question of scale accuracy.

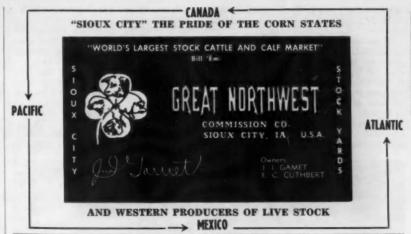
To maintain accuracy, the weighmaster balances the scale each day before weighing begins and at intervals not to exceed 15 drafts or 15 minutes as the weighing operation continues. The scale is also balanced after any heavy draft.

Competent weighmasters are used. These men or women are employees of the stockyard company on most markets. They have no other interest than accurate weighing, accurate stamping information on scale tickets. All this is done at a reasonably rapid rate of drafts per hour. Weighmasters are usually assigned to a different scale each week without any previous knowledge of what that assignment may be.

Weighmasters take great pride in their work. They are thoroughly familiar with the scale and detect any little thing which might throw a scale out of balance. They take pride in being able to weigh rapidly as well as accurately. Balance indicators are used to assist the weighmasters in achieving



An important consideration in scale construction and operation is adequate alleys with sorting pens in front of the scales.



In choosing a livestock market ...

#### COMPARE

#### FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Accessibility for assembly and distribution of livestock Suitability for safe, sanitary, and efficient handling Care and promptness of handling and weighing services

#### SELLING SERVICES

Competition among buyers as well as among sellers Competence of selling agents as well as buyers Methods of determining values

#### WEIGHTS AND WEIGHING

Accuracy of scales, weights and weighing Reliability and neutrality of weighers Weights used in settlement of transactions

#### **PRICES**

Basis of prices Reliability of market information Comparability with other market reports

#### PAYMENT FOR LIVESTOCK

Promptness in remitting proceeds of sales Certainty of payment for livestock purchased Bonds to secure payment

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Adequate alleys with sorting pens are built in front of each scale. These are arranged for the convenience of

weigh hands and handling of livestock without bruising or injury. Yarding pens behind the scales are planned for the account of the buyers. These pens are sufficient for complete separation of the many orders on all markets.

The weighing operation at the live stock market is the stockman's "cash register." This operation must be carried out rapidly and with complete accuracy, for upon it depend the livestock man's profit or loss.

Weight multiplied by price determines the dollars the shipper receives.



By WM. G. ROBERTSON, Chairman, The River Markets Group

Selling agencies operating on the central public markets are service organizations, offering complete service for the efficient and competent merchandising of livestock under regulated and competitive conditions.

The nucleus of these market agencies is the SALES force, in providing trained and competent salesmen for all species of livestock. In the main, these salesmen are men who have attained their positions after working a sufficient period of time at various "yards jobs", to acquire the experience and knowledge required to qualify for salesmanship.

To meet the requirements of livestock selling, the man must emerge from his apprenticeship a qualified judge of all grades of livestock, must be accurate in estimating an animal's weight, grade and yield, and he must be able to analyze and "detect" market trends, so that he may properly evaluate the market worth of the livestock placed in his hands to sell.

Before going to his pens to start the day's selling, he will have acquainted himself with the receipts pattern (the current day, compared with the week before and year before), will know the previous day's prices and closing trends, not only for his own market but for all terminal markets of the country, and will keep a constant check of dressed meat prices and trends.

All this information, coupled with apparent activity of the buying demand for that day, provides much of the basis for his pricing and selling decisions. Last, but not least, this man will be well versed in sales psychology and will possess those "inherent" qualities so essential to good salesmanship.

There is one facet of the central public market livestock salesman's position that is seldom recognized but is of basic importance. The system of trading on these markets, being the private treaty system, entrusts to the salesman large sums of money in the form of livestock consignments. It is the salesman's responsibility to institute and terminate a competent, successful and profitable return for this trust placed in him. He is ever mindful of this obligation and appreciative of the confidence and support of his consignor.

It is for the fulfillment of this trust and obligation that he works to procure from each consignment the "very last penny", whether the shipment is large or small, or of good or plain quality. The salesman is also impelled by professional pride to draw on every bit of knowledge and salesmanship at his command to avoid being bested in a trade.

On each central public market there are sufficient numbers of sales agencies to provide keen competition in the



Salesmen look at a pen of fat cattle at a midwestern central market.

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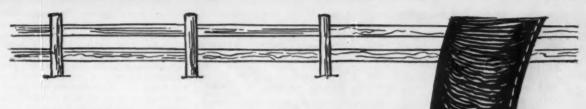


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selling services offered and the producer is offered a wide choice of market agencies which, in his opinion, can serve him best, and this factor also augments the competitive urge.

It is such trained, well-qualified and seasoned salesmen who, each market day, match wits with equally wellqualified buyers, in the competitive buying and selling of livestock on these terminal markets. Salesmen operating on the central public markets are very fortunate, however, in having much competition from many buyers. On most of these markets are the major packers, the city butchers, the traders and the order buyers. The order buyers, representing off-market packers, bid competitively for, and buy livestock for, shipment from coast to coast.

Through this broad buying demand, the salesman is able to select his best available buyer and establish the true market value of the livestock he has to offer for sale; it is also through this broad demand that he has a competitive outlet for every class, every grade and every kind of animal, regardless of finish or condition. The concentration of livestock and the concentration of competitive buying power establishes true market values and the efficient handling holds the cost of selling (and the cost of buying) to a minimum basis and enables the central public markets to offer the maximum of service at a relatively low cost.

To implement their services to the producer, the selling agencies also provide competent yards employees to handle livestock safely and to provide proper amounts of feed and water, and to correctly sort animals for various ownerships. The agencies also are registered and supervised by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, under the Packers and Stockyards Division Branch.

Each selling agency provides adequate surety bonds to secure the performance of obligations as market agencies, including the prompt remittance to the owner of the full net proceeds of the sale of livestock; files with the secretary of agriculture, posts for public information, and strictly observes schedules of commission charges for selling services, and establishes, observes and enforces reasonable, non-discriminatory regulations and prac-



Slaughter cattle are driven to a loading chute for trucking to the slaughterhouse near the terminal market.

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In 1921, the Packers and Stockvards Act was formulated and enacted as a protection for the livestock industry. but many of the basic principles of this Act were regulations which governed selling agencies on central public markets many years before the Act was conceived. Livestock exchanges have been set up on each central public market, and these exchanges are non-profit trade organizations to maintain and enforce high standards of business principles designed to protect shippers and discourage improper practices in livestock trading. Members of the exchanges are governed by a rigid code of ethics, for the perpetuation and enforcement of high business standards of leadership in the field of livestock marketing.

Trading on central public markets is unique, in that all transactions are oral and unwitnessed agreements, in which a man's word is his bond. This is a testament to the conduct and integrity of BOTH the buying and selling segments of the livestock industry, since millions of dollars are involved, with trades bound only by the spoken word.

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ELOF M. ERICKSON, President National Live Stock Exchange

The integrity of the livestock commission man is part of the great tradition of the nation's terminal livestock markets.

Each day, many millions of dollars change hands on the nod of a head, the drop of a cane, or the familiar "weigh 'em" which often culminates the trading transaction between the buyer and the commission men.

Through nearly 100 years of growth, the integrity of the livestock commission men has been one of the great protective features of the terminal livestock markets.

Actually, the nation's terminal stockyards offer many protective features to livestock producers ranging from trade practices to sanitary requirements.

Perhaps the least known among many protective features is in the area of finances—assuring prompt payment to all who do business on, at, or with the nation's terminal livestock centers.

The terminal livestock markets have traditionally been "cash markets" where livestock producers are assured immediate payment of proceeds of livestock sales. The Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921, and the regulations prescribed thereunder, recognized this custom and now requires every sales agent to remit to consignors the proceeds of sales before the close of the

next business day following the sale.

This little-noticed practice of immediate cash payment is a protective feature of terminal markets. Customarily, payment for all consigned livestock is made before the close of the business day, either via mail or by direct payment to producers accompanying their shipment to market. As a result, patrons can depend on payment within 24 hours, or as promptly as mail delivery permits, even if they do not accompany their stock to market.

As a part of payment policy, each producer is given a complete itemized account showing the producer the weight, selling price and renumeration. The detailed accounting also gives each patron a list of each expense item and



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the cost of each item for business records.

This procedure prevents unknown hidden charges that might be included in an over-all blanket commission rate and also eliminates misunderstanding and confusion on the part of the producer.

At most terminal livestock markets, regulations of stockyard owners, the livestock exchange and trade groups require buyers to establish credit or post bonds of sufficient value to cover trade transactions. These bonds in many instances must also comply with state standards and standards of trade groups and stockyard management.

Bonding of selling agencies is designed primarily to protect market patrons and to insure payment for livestock consigned for sale regardless of whether or not the ultimate purchaser pays for the stock.

Thus it is that each selling agency is bonded for not less than the nearest multiple of \$1,000 more than the average amount of sales during a period equivalent to two days' business. Many livestock selling agencies carry bonds in excess of that requirement by as much as an additional \$50,000. Trade groups and government officials check bond posting regularly as an added protection for market patrons.

Bonding protection is not a new feature at the terminal stockyards, since

bonds had been an accepted part of trade procedures even before the enactment of the Packers and Stockyards Act in 1921.

Regulations also require dealers at the terminal markets to maintain bonds to secure prompt payment for livestock purchased. At present the regulations do not require other buyers to pay promptly, although terminal market trade organizations are urging that this be made a uniform requirement for the further protection of livestock producers.

Market agencies at the terminal markets not only serve the livestock pro-



An account of sale is made out by the commission firm to the producer, accounting for deductions made from the sale price. Check for the balance is at the bottom of the "account of sale." All documents pertaining to the sale bear the same date. ducers as selling agents but also as credit managers and collection agencies. In each transaction the selling agencies must determine the financial reputation of the buyer and take such action as may be necessary to assure payment for the livestock. Terminal market patrons often comment on the speed of handling paper work relating to livestock transactions. Yet, once the livestock is sold and weighed, efficient accounting procedures quickly convert weight and prices into dollars for the producer.

In offices of commission firms on the terminal markets are office personnel with training and experience to insure fast, accurate returns — often only minutes after the livestock has crossed the scales.

The proceeds received in payment of livestock at most terminal markets are deposited in special trustee accounts, or "shippers proceeds accounts", which means that the funds received from the sale of livestock can be used only for payment of livestock. This combination of trustee accounts and posted bonds offer patrons absolute assurance of prompt payments for livestock.

Despite growing pressure from buyers and prospective buyers for the extension of credit in the payment for livestock, agencies at the terminal stockyards have maintained "cash markets" by their diligence in the performance of these several functions.



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#### MARKET REPORTS

By M. J. COOK, Executive Vice-President, Union Stock Yard & Transit Co., Chicago.

Livestock market reports disseminated through the various media available exert a strong influence on the decision of a farmer or rancher as to when or where to sell livestock. Since livestock producers and feeders place so much reliance on market reports, it is essential that the information contained in them be both accurate and complete.

The history of livestock market reporting dates back to the time the central markets were established in this country. However, daily reporting on a comprehensive basis of livestock transactions consummated at the central markets was initiated in 1915 when the Department of Agriculture incorporated a telegraphic market report into its Market News Service. The generally unstable conditions which prevailed during the World War I years affected livestock prices, as well as the prices of other commodities, and the need for prompt communication between markets, and the relaying of current market information to producers, became even more apparent.

The Market News Service of the Department of Agriculture has, of course, been greatly expanded since that time so that today it covers transactions at all major central markets and many of the smaller central markets. Terminal or central markets were the original source, and still are sub-stantially the main source, of livestock market information which is transmitted through various means to producers and feeders throughout the nation. At the central markets there is a sufficient volume of livestock of all grades, classes and weights available to permit an accurate analysis of prices to be made. From the inception of the central mar-

Teletype machines like this click out price and other market information across the nation at the many USDA livestock market news services throughout the country.

kets, they have been considered the "price-basing markets". Even today, with several competing methods of livestock marketing in the field, few producers or feeders sell without consulting central market quotations.

Present-day communications have cut down tremendously the time lag involved in disseminating price information from the central markets to the producing and feeding areas. Within a

Bulletin boards such as this one are maintained at livestock terminal markets by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service livestock market news service. This is a shot of the board at Denver.





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The Market News Service of the USDA, although no doubt the best known, is not alone in the field of livestock market reporting. At prac-

tically all central markets at least three other sources of market information are available to interested producers and feeders. Most central markets have a market newspaper servicing them and practically all have one or more radio market reports daily. In addition, commission men at the central markets. who are the selling agents of producers consigning livestock to those markets. generally provide their patrons with a weekly letter summarizing market trends. In a few instances, central markets have experimented with the broadcasting of market reports by television as a part of the program showing actual trading taking place at the markets

The territory covered by these various reporting services depends largely upon the sponsorship of the service. The Market News Service of the USDA covers all areas of the nation and beyond the limits of the United States to some extent. This service provides periodic reports of market prices and summaries of each day's activity to the Associated Press, United Press International, etc., for disseminating by both newspapers and radio stations. The Market News Service has also maintained, and will furnish upon request, statistical information covering livestock market receipts at central markets and prices prevailing at such markets over a long period of years.

Livestock newspapers published at the various central markets not only give a complete analysis, either daily or weekly, of prices and price movements, but also generally provide a complete breakdown of prices as between the different weights, grades and classes of livestock. Reporters for these papers write news items and feature articles analyzing the USDA reports and estimates in regard to livestock production and marketing, all of which have their effect upon prices. As a general proposition, the circulation of such newspapers coincides generally with the trade territory of the central market with which they are associated.

Radio broadcasting today constitutes one of the very important sources of market information. The function of the man who conducts, on behalf of a central market, the daily radio market report is to provide producers and feeders with reliable market price information. He must disregard pressures from both the selling and buying sides. To the central market patrons, he is probably the most important source of on-the-spot information. The men who constitute the radio voices of the various central markets of the country gather, assemble, analyze and broadcast market trends and prices as they judge them.

At many markets, the market reporters broadcast over several stations on a network hook-up in the immediate market area, as well as on a clear channel station which covers a great portion of the primary market area. Direct telephone "beeper" market reports are used by some reporters to cover more adequately the market territory. Taped market summaries voiced by radio market reporter are sent each week by several radio reporters to all stations within their area.

All reports emanating from central markets are based on actual sales and actual weights of the livestock sold at the markets. Those who report from central markets are physically present at such markets daily and the conclusions they express are based on observations they have made on market trading. Most livestock producers and feeders, even though some of them may not sell their livestock at central markets, agree that the market quotations from the various reporting agencies servicing central markets are essential to them in the successful conduct of their livestock operations.

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#### The MARKET —Picture

Downward pressure on dressed beef prices continued unabated, with no immediate relief in sight. Weekly cattle slaughter remained well above a year ago, running as much as 10 to 15% greater. While a large share of the increased slaughter was traced to West Coast points, even the Corn Belt area was ahead of a year ago.

This, despite the fact that cattle numbers on feed in the Corn Belt as of July 1 were reported only 1% above a year ago. Shipments of stocker and feeder cattle in the Corn Belt area have been consistently below a year ago, the first six months of 1960 averaging 11% less. July in-shipments were down 24% from last year. However, this reduction has failed to reflect in slaughter channels so far. Whether it will show up in the near future remains to be seen.

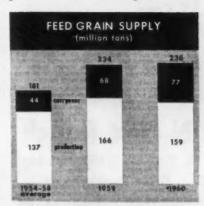
The most stable item in cattle trade in recent weeks has been cows. Prices

have held steady to instances stronger and demand reliable. There was, however, late in August a tendency for this phase of the trade to slow up some.

Stocker and feeder prices show considerable stability, considering the present condition of the fat cattle market. Some additional declines of 50 cents to \$1 have developed on feeder cattle but a large share of the current crop remains to be disposed of. Many feeders have been extremely cautious and hesitant to contract feeder cattle for future delivery. Of those cattle sold to date, two-year-old steers and fleshy feeding heifers have generally been bought for delivery from immediate into September, while yearling steers and light heifers as well as calves have been contracted mainly for late September and October delivery, a few into November.

#### Sees Expansion in Feeding In West and Southwest

Large-scale livestock feeding will become increasingly important in the West and Southwest, according to H. L. Stewart of USDA's Agricultural Research Service. In these regions, he said, there are both expanding markets and abundant supplies of livestock, feed grain and forage, but development of feeding enterprises will be held in check somewhat by "managerial limitations and associated risks and uncertainties." Cattle ranch organizations, he said, will probably change less in the next 15 years than livestock farms of the Corn Belt, because they are already highly specialized and have very few production alternatives open to them.





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#### Those Barb-Wire Fences

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**Present-day cowboys** and those of other days have one thing in common and that is their attitude toward the "barbwire" fence.

All hold about the same disrespect

There is this difference: the presentday men have learned to put up with it: the old cowboys never did.

There are sure to be grumblings and mumblings in the bunkhouse during the few weeks which must be spent building and repairing the ranch fences.

Forty-dollar boots get scratched, clothes are torn and hands skinned. Worse than that, it keeps a man off a horse—and it is downright hard work. No wonder the nerves get a little fraved.

No one questions that the "barbwire" fence is essential to present-day ranching. A definite breeding program can be followed, the steers can be kept separate from the heifers. Range management with fences can improve grasses, with part held for summer range, part for winter range—or some can be deferred.

The principle of the thing is fine. It's just the nasty work involved in keeping the fences in shape . . . it's awful the condition they get in if you don't keep forever after them.

Old-timers were slow getting tolerant toward them. A few never did,

The neighbor of one such person suggested they get together and build a good line fence between them. The old-timer turned down the idea with scorn. Said he, "I can tell my cattle; can't you tell yours?"

It was a long time before a range fence was more than wobbly posts and dangling wires that did little more than tell where one man's range ended and another's began.

The cow had no more respect for it than the cowboy who rode the lines. If the grass looked a little better across the fence she went over and got it. If the water gave out at home she went where it was.

As the fences became better the cow became resigned to staying at home. There have been times when this respect for barbed wire was her downfall. There have been reports of cows dying of thirst because the windmill gave out. Such is progress.

Fencing in the old days was harder than today. Untreated posts didn't last long. Black wire got rustry and broke easily. A weed just six inches beyond the reach of a thousand-pound cow was too much for her. She leaned and pushed against the fence until something gave and she got that tasty tidbit.

Today wire is stronger, and galvanized to prevent rust. Hedge and treated pine posts last for many years.

Rules of what constitutes a good fence vary some from one ranch to another. However, certain standards have built up through the years. Four wires are about to take the place of three. All low places and blowouts are anchored with "dead men" buried far in the ground. Posts get closer together all the time, with a rod apart becoming the style.

Every cowman is proud of his gates. The gate must have four or five strands, with wire stays every three feet. Then with special gate tighteners it is stretched tight—and that last word ought to capitalized. You could play a tune on it, some say. Just why a gate should be so much better than the fence has not been fully explained.

How do you ride a fence? Well, it is not exactly the way it might sound to the city dweller. That is, you don't throw your saddle over the fence and ride it to the bottom. There are other ways.

If you use a team and wagon you follow the fence where it is not too rough going, and kick the posts as you come to them to see if they are broken off. Also check staples and loose wires.

Or, if you use a Jeep, you might drive close enough to do this. If there are two of you, one can ride the fender and do it. Wonder if Willys had this in mind when they made those practical if not beautiful fenders? . . . Anything to keep from putting your feet on the

And so it goes. Every year more cross-fences go in as the ranch operations become more intensified and scientific.

It looks as if there might come an end to all this some day. As yet that end is not in sight.

#### Shrink Loss in Shipment Greatest in First 2-3 Hours

Cattle lose their greatest weight in the first two or three hours of shipment. On the average, shrink will increase up to about 9 or 10% by the time the first feed and rest stop is made. An idea of shrinkage of feeder and fat cattle as related to hours in transit is given below:

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Hours in Transit	Fat Cattle 1.70	Feeder Cattle 1.85	Av. All Cattle 1.77
2	4.24	3.74	3.95
3	4.98	3.57	4.33
4-6	5.42	3.77	4.66
7-9	5.81	5.98	5.90
10-17	6.20	8.20	6.27
18-35*	9.63	7.18	8.08
36-59*	7.53	10.14	9.18
60-83*	8.60	10.44	9.91
84 up	10.81	12.44	11.99
*Feed V	Water and	rest period.	



#### HARDWARE DISEASE

Metal objects such as screws, pieces of wire, nails or odd bits of old machinery swallowed by cattle are likely to work through the lining of the reticulum or second stomach and may enter the pericardium or heart sac Damage to the heart follows and death results. It's called "traumatic peri-carditis." The simplest way of avoid-ing "hardware disease" is by drawing the metal out of the feed in chutes. spouts and conveyors the feed passes over in handling, according to Morris Hemstrom, of the University of Idaho extension service. A plate magnet capable of holding a one-inch steel ball against a 28-pound pull is on the market for such use. A more costly method is that of implanting a small magnet in the stomach of the feedlot steer or valuable purebred animal. Thus the metal is trapped harmlessly in the reticulum where much of it might be eaten away by digestive juices.

#### FACE FLY

The face fly has been found in six more states so far this year, the USDA reports. The irritating livestock pest, which clings tenaciously around the eyes and noses of animals, has been found west of the Mississippi River for the first time, in Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska, and in Connecticut, Maryland, Tennessee and North Carolina. It is believed also to be spreading further in states already reported on, and now occurs nearly everywhere east of the Mississippi and north of Tennessee and South Carolina.

The face fly was first found in this country in New York in 1953, but there was no widespread concern over it until last year. The pest resembles a large house fly; it is common in Europe and is known to annoy horses and sheep as well as cattle. It is believed to be a potential carrier of a number of diseases.

#### TERRAMYCIN CRUMBLES

Chas. Pfizer & Co., has introduced a new antibiotic-vitamin combination in its product known as Terramycin A/D Fortified Crumbles. The product's Vitamin A content will give additional resistance in cases of stress or threat-ened disease. The product will be sold over the counter in farm and feed supply stores. Producers will merely top dress or mix it into their feed. Pfizer spokesmen say major advantage is a new way to fight shipping fever without change in the feeding program and as an aid in preventing scours, reducing severity of bloat, the incidence of liver abscesses, warding off setbacks at stress peaks and boosting weight gains and feed efficiency.

#### GRUB TREATMENT

William M. Rogoff and P. H. Kohler of the South Dakota experiment station at Brookings have developed a "pour-on" method of treating cattle for grubs. The technique consists of pouring Roulene, a new chemical not yet in public use, on the backs of cattle for systemic control of grubs. The Roulene is absorbed and distributed through the animal's blood stream. While it is believed the animal rapidly eliminates the chemical, it has not yet been cleared by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

#### HALOGETON

Scientists of the USDA and the Nevada agricultural experiment station have found that halogeton, a weed native to Asia and Europe which is poisonous to cattle and sheep, is also toxic to native range grasses on soil where the weed has grown for several years, and can cause reduced seed germination and native grass emergence. The weed alters the chemical properties of the soil, absorbing sodium and other salt-forming elements from lower soil layers much faster than other plants.

#### Idaho Station Is Studying A No-Roughage Steer Ration

Purpose of a study at the University of Idaho, with the Idaho Cattle Feeders Association cooperating, is to determine whether steers can be fattened on a ration without roughage and with barley as the principal ingredient. Steers went on feed in late June and are being fed 100 days.

Animal Husbandman T. B. Keith at the university said that "since the ruminant has a stomach system believed to require roughage for most efficient use of feeds, it is not known whether a concentrate mixture without hay or silage can be utilized economically by the steer. Furthermore, if a concentrate mixture can be utilized by the fattening steer, what is the most economical combination of grains and other concentrates for optimum returns?" These, he said, are among top questions the cattle feeders hope to get answered.

"Some of the unsolved problems on the use of a no-roughage ration for fattening are concerned with age and size of steer, length of feeding period and method of processing barley," Keith said. "There are some vague indications that the barley must be steam rolled and that the steers should not be fed longer than 100 days."

#### Revised Figures Given For 1960 Farrowing Drop

Attention has been called to an error which got into the recent report by Dr. Herrell DeGraff on the long-range cattle outlook. This gave December-February farrowings this year as down 30% from the 1959 period. The figure should have been 17%.



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# THE 'NATIONAL'At Work

#### BEEF GRADING

An industry-wide conference on beef grading was announced last month at a meeting of the American National Cattlemen's Association beef grading study committee at College Station, Texas. Chairman Dean Brown, Santa Maria, Calif., said that the purpose of the conference will be to discuss current proposals and other means of improving beef grading. Sponsored by the American National, the conference is to be held in Kansas City, Mo., probably in mid-November. Participating will be representatives of producers, feeders, processors and retailers. The USDA has also been asked to cooperate.

#### TAXES

In a recent review of tax problems, Attorney Stephen Hart of the National Live Stock Tax Committee said that by and large decisions in capital gains cases have been in line with the intent of the law. Under the law, which the committee was instrumental in establishing, in order to show that animals sold qualify for capital gains, a stockman must show that he originally had intended to hold the animals for his own breeding herd and not for sale to others in the normal course of business.

The attorney reported no new developments in the important averaging-of-income legislation which the committee is backing. It may be sev-

eral years before enactment of such legislation. Hart said.

The Keogh-Simpson individuals' retirement bill may be given consideration in the near future, Hart declared. This measure has passed the House but not the Senate. It provides for the setting aside of certain amounts of money and not paying taxes on these amounts until the funds are withdrawn for retirement purposes.

There are a number of other problems the committee is interested in, such as changeover from accrual to the cash basis and depreciation on breeding animals. The work in tax matters goes on steadily but often necessarily slowly; but, just as steadily, gains are made toward a more equitable tax treatment for stockmen.

The National Live Stock Tax Committee is supported by the American National and many state cattlemen's associations and individuals as well as sheepmen's organizations and various breeders' groups.

#### BRUCELLOSIS

The Brucellosis Study Committee of the American National Cattlemen's Association met at Denver on Aug. 22. At the meeting, Bob Laramore of Gillettee, Wyo., was elected chairman.

Discussion revolved around the possibility of calfhood vaccination as an alternate means of recertification. There was widespread agreement on this subject among the 13 states represented: Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, Oregon, North Dakota, South Dakota, Texas, Utah and Wyoming.

The committeemen in attendance made the following recommendation after their discussion: A modifiedcertified county shall be eligible to recertify by calfhood vaccination when 80% of the owners owning 80% of the breeding cattle show evidence to the fact that all of the heifers retained or added annually in their herds have been officially vaccinated. Any herd not so vaccinating shall be submitted for the required blood test each three years.—Dudley Campbell.

#### NOTE TO MEMBERS

Something new has been added!
American National members with
dues renewals falling in the latter half
of the year have been noticing it.
Others will begin seeing it in their
mail early next year.

The "new" is a simplified method of record-keeping and billing for direct memberships. A special form enables a clerk to use a single metal "Addressograph" plate to imprint a member's name and address on all receipts, record cards and envelopes needed in maintaining our files and in serving the membership.

Heretofore, a new member's name and address was handwritten or typed seven times, with many requiring several more steps. The chance for error was great in the multiple transcribing, and, of course, it was unduly time consuming.

Key to the system is the Addressograph plate used for mailing the membership newsletter "Cow Business". All records now will be imprinted with this plate so that a member's name appears in all places exactly the same.

C. W. McMillan, executive vice-president, observed that some members might feel that the American National's traditional "personal touch" was disappearing. "On the contrary," he said. "With this system we can free our busy staff from spending too much time on routine record keeping in order that we may be of even greater service to each member."

#### **ASSOCIATION Notes**

#### ARIZON

The date selected by the Yavapai County (Arizona) Cattle Growers for the 25th annual Yavapai County Calf Sale is Oct. 1. The sale, the state's largest, is held at the Hays Ranch in Peeples Valley. Last year about 2,500 persons saw 70 calves in the sale bring \$10,371. The 1960 sale will offer 80 head.

#### CALIFORNIA

The board of directors of the California Cattlemen's Association, meeting Aug. 13 at San Francisco, adopted a resolution restating the organization's belief in the multiple-use concept as applied to suitable public lands. It commended the BLM for recognizing the effort of those who improved public lands and urged public officials "to analyze any considered purchase of public land in the light of accessibility, recreational value and historical use of such land as measured by this multiple-use concept.



For the third year in a row the Payette River Cattlemen's Association beef promotion booth at the Gem County Fair, Emmett, Idaho, has won first place. Parker Woodall, Sweet, Idaho, is chairman of the booth committee. Featuring a chuck wagon and background mural, the booth pointed out that "Out our way folks eat beef... a tradition of the West." Details

included beans, coffee, spuds, grease, appropriate chips as found on the range and bunchgrass and sagebrush. National Live Stock and Meat Board charts and posters helped decorate the booth, with the Idaho Cattlemen's Association furnishing various giveaways. The Payette association gave 25 pounds of beef to the lucky ticket holder at a free drawing.

#### NORTH DAKOTA

The group's president, Jim Connolly of Golden Valley, announces appointment of a standing five-man feeder committee by the North Dakota Stockmen's Association. The step gives recognition to the "potential increase in agricultural income which could be realized through feeding of more livestock on North Dakota farms and ranches."

#### Fire & Weather

What the U. S. Weather Bureau characterizes as the worst fire experience the western states have suffered since the early 1930's points up one striking fact: that weather plays the dominant role in forest fire occurrence and behavior. In the Bureau's Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin, Research Forester L. M. LaMois of the Forest Service traces some of the threads connecting weather and forest fires:

The early 1960 fire experience has been crucial. A prolonged period of high temperatures, low humidities and practically no precipitation brought extremely critical burning conditions throughout the West during July. More than 4,000 fires occurred; most of them started from heavy concentrations of lightning storms which struck California, Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho.

28 fires burned to more than 2,000 acres in size. The largest fire was 27,500 acres. During the peak of ac-

tivity more than 25,000 fire-fighters were on the fireline. Hundreds of tractors and pumpers, and more than 300 aircraft, were used during the last two weeks in July. The fire-fighting bill for that month alone was more than \$15 million. Three aerial tankers and two helicopters were lost—and three of the fire-fighters and five pilots.

The results of weather on our forests can be swift and total in its destructiveness; weather factors play a dynamic part in every phase of the forest-fire problem from ignition to final control. Its influence can be subtle and indirect, or it can be brutal and immediate, and it can help or hinder the fire-fighters. Only one thing is certain—the story of a forest fire is the story of weather from beginning to end.

Climate usually determines the general type of vegetation that is the fire's fuel. Precipitation, relative humidity and temperature determine how dry the fuels are and how intensely they will burn. Wind is a driving force that makes fire spread. Condition of the upper air often determines whether or not a fire will virtually make its own weather and become a heat engine that can "write its own ticket" in a blowup situation. And, finally, it is often weather itself that strikes the match, in the form of lightning.

Lightning accounts for nearly 70% of all forest fires in the western United States. Most lightning strikes occur in the high country, almost inaccessible to fire-fighters. Also, lightning fires very often occur in bunches—from 10 to 50 in a single day on a forest is not un-

common in some parts of the West. The resulting fire is often at the top of a tall snag or moss-laden dead tree. Burning materials from these sources are scattered by wind and slopes to the fuels below, resulting in an "area ignition" pattern of considerable size.

Or, the fire may be confined to the inside of a dead snag, where it smolders undetected and then bursts forth in full bloom days later when burning conditions may be more critical than during the storm.

The flammability of the fuels in which fire starts is the key to any fire situation. And weather plays a dual role in conditioning forest fuels. When severe drying conditions prevail at the end of an extended period of low precipitation the curtain is ready to go up on the drama of major fire disaster. In case of fire, wind plays the dominant role on the fireline. And, over-all, weather sets the stage, draws the curtain and provides the action on the fireline.

#### USDA Buys Ground Beef To Tune of 2 Million Lbs.

The USDA on Aug. 25 bought almost 2 million pounds of frozen ground beef for the school lunch program. Accepted bids ranged from 38.95 to 40.50 cents a pound. The price tag was \$776,000 which came from funds from Section 32. It brought to \$815,000 the amount spent for more than 2 million pounds of frozen ground beef since the start of the purchase program Aug. 19.

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# ADIES' CHOICE



#### Through A Ranch House Window

#### By Dorothy McDonald

I am sure that by now you all have vour new 1960 Year Books, but because I've taken the month of August off and gone fishin' I'll not see my copy until

Labor Day. If there are any changes, alterations or additions to the material from your state please let me know right away so we can include it in the October issue.





Mrs. McDonald

most of the canning, preserving and pickling out of the way (if you're one of the lucky, lucky ones who still have a family big enough and hungry enough to justify this lovely feminine activity) -anyhow, now there's time for Mother to be an active member of her town, her community, again. And that's a stimulus to most of us, I think. It is wonderful to be an old fashioned type of ranch wife, to tend one's own garden plot and cook great hearty meals for a bunch of hungry harvest hands . . . it's fun, that is, for a few months out of the year.

But in this complex world, in the shadow of the Bomb, a woman cannot be just a busy ranch wife, a happy mother, a household ornament. Like it or not, she has to be a citizen, too. Her vote counts just as heavily as that of her husband or son, and the social and moral climate of her country rests probably more on her shoulders than on those of her menfolks. It's not especially easy to be a woman in this century . . . but isn't it a fine, exciting, stimulating thing to be?

When we join hands in our local group, or participate in the activities of the National, we are a part of this new force that is, or should be, molding the future of our industry. And if, as I've been told, "that's feminism well, isn't it a natural part of the world today? The hours we no longer spend bending over a hot stove are even better spent in bending events so the world our children inherit will be even better than this lovely, lovely one that we enjoy.

I hope yours has been a happy summer, and that the winter months to come will be richly productive ones.

This will be in part a happy trip, to

see our voungest son married and off to a happy life of his own in the East. And in part it is a return to the good earth, to the peace and spiritual solace to be found beside a quiet mountain stream. But, both ways, I'll love every minute of it.

And I'll be looking forward to meeting you all next month outside my Ranch House Window.

#### AT HOME ON THE RANGE

Though these first September days are summer-warm, the threat of "in-door weather" is in the sharp nip of the breeze off the Pacific after the sun goes down. So we hurry to eat just a little earlier, and the good mingled smells of broiling steak and charcoal are all the more tantalizing because we know that, too soon, this outdoor dining will be over for another year.

Since Outdoor Cookery has been the

CowBelles' chief beef promotion program since Father's Day, I know you ail have been exposed to, if not immersed in, new and different ways of cooking beef over the broiler. How about sharing a few of your favorites so we can have them on file for next summer? And in the meantime, here are a couple that my family has enjoyed. Anyone, I think, can broil a \$4 T-bone steak, but these are good and much less expensive. I hope you'll like them

#### RIB CHOPS, CANTONESE

4 veal or baby beef rib chops

Tbsp. sov sauce

Thsp. salad oil

1/2 cup dry red or sherry wine

1/2 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. garlic salt

1/a tsp. marioram

1/8 tsp. curry powder

#### TWENTY-ONE

(This poem was written by Mrs. Gilman Peterson, talented North Dakota CowBelle and chairman of the American National CowBelles' radio-TV committee. It has been used effectively on television as narration for a series of pictures or cartoons of the people of the "beef team.")

Just how many people does it take To raise and market a T-bone steak? The Cowboy, the rider, heads the line When he rounds up the calves at brandin' time.

The banker comes next, cuz the rancher needs jack For pastures and herds and a new feed

rack The third person listed is the chemist,

a wizard. Who knows healthy stock can survive

His fertilizers, sprays and top-notch vaccine

Keep ranges, land and cattle healthy and clean.

The oil refiner fuels the haying machineru

And also the wheels putting feed in the granary.

The steel maker is truly worthy his hire

Making tractors and branding irons, even barb wire!

Four men on this list have one accomplishment:

Their business by-products make feed supplement.

They are listed as follows: the brewer, the miller,

The cotton ginner and the sugar distiller.

The veterinarian recommends pills or a shot And the blacksmith works hard at his

The airplane pilot sprays the herd and

forge glowing hot.

the range

While the lumberman's buildings and corrals defu change.

Windmillers' equipment keeps the water holes filled.

Next comes the feeder; he too must be skilled.

There's more to this feeding than just stuffing some steers

Tender fat beeves grow through sweat. toil and tears.

The trucker and also the man on the train

Transport the cattle through sunshine or rain.

Number eighteen is the stockyards' man

Who rooms and boards livestock the best way he can.

He's also a sales agent, a man of commission:

His work is important and allows no omission.

Next comes the meat packer, whose specialized chore

Is processing, then distributing, to the man at the store.

Number twenty, the retailer, now has steak to be sold.

Delicious, nutritious, more precious than gold!

From the man on the range to the home's frying pan

We list twenty occupations; plus one more man.

Number twenty-one rates first, may he be in good humor!

He's the man of the hour, he's our beef

consumer!

Mix salad oil, soy sauce, wine and seasonings. Put chops in shallow bowl, pour over the marinade, and let set in refigerator for 2 or 3 hours, turning once or twice. Charcoal-broil to desired degree of doneness, basting several times with the marinade.

#### HAWAIIAN HAMBURGERS

11/2 lbs. ground beef

1 Tbsp. brown sugar

3 Tbsp. soy sauce

1 Tbsp. salad oil

1 Tbsp. fresh grated ginger or ½ tsp. ground ginger.

Shape beef into 4 patties. Mix soy sauce, salad oil, sugar and ginger in a small flat bowl and stir until sugar is dissolved. Dip each patty in this sauce before charcoal-broiling, and drizzle remaining sauce over the meat as it browns. Try these with roasted banan-

as, if you're feeling exotic, or with roasted potatoes and corn-on-the cob if your is a more conservative family. I wrap firm, not-quite-ripe bananas in foil and roast them around the rim of the hot charcoal very much as I do potatoes, but only for about 20 minutes. The skins will be black, but the scooped-out pulp, seasoned with butter and a bit of brown sugar, is delicious, I think . . . though I will admit it may be an acquired taste. Try one sometime and decide for yourself.

I've had several requests lately for Beef Sausage, and I'm happy to include this Cow-Belle-originated recipe again. My family likes it so much better than the too-fat pork variety, and Beef Sausage patties brushed with catsup and a little A-1 sauce and broiled over glowing charcoal are rich and hearty fare these cooler evenings out on the

patio — and just as good pan-fried when autumn weather drives even such persistent outdoors cooks as I back into the kitchen again.

#### **BEEF SAUSAGE**

2 lbs. ground Beef

2 tsp. sausage seasoning

2 tsp. Tender Quick dissolved in 2 Tbsp. water (or, a sugar cure such as Morton's sugar cure may be used instead of Tender Quick)

2 tsp. salt

1 Tbsp. brown sugar

Mix all ingredients thoroughly. Let set for at least two hours in a cool place (this is the secret of fine flavor.) Cook, or wrap and freeze for later use. May be stored in the refrigerator for a few days, too.

And so . . . good eating . . . and good evening . . . to you all. D.M.

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#### CowBelle Chimes

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President's Message

All the 1960 paid-up members of the National CowBelles should have received their yearbook. If you have not please write to Clara Hughes, Secretary-Treasurer, 1709 NW 32nd St., Oklahoma City, Okla. Perhaps we have a wrong address or maybe you've forgotten to send in your \$1 dues.

This is September and back-to-school days and busy fall activities for all of us, but I know you CowBelles are still working at various beef promotions. I've had letters about your booths at state fairs and your radio and television shows. I'm also very pleased with your continued emphasis on national membership. I think, sometimes, we lose the whole point of national beef promotion when we do not belong to the National CowBelles.

The state presidents have been receiving informational materials and suggestions from our national chairmen. Mrs. Azile Garrison, public relations chairman, Glen, Mont., in cooperation with the Montana Beef Council, piloted a resturant "tipping-project" in a Mystery Beef-Eater program. This project could easily be carried out by many CowBelle groups.

Mrs. Earl Morrell, general beef promotion chairman, Dunn Center, N. Dak., has provided a good packet of suggestions and materials available to CowBelles for our summer and fall beef promotions.

Mrs. Bea Peterson, New England, N. Dak., chairman of the radio and television committee, has mailed excellent materials compiled by her and her committee, Mrs. Zoya Miller, Colorado Springs, Colo., and Mrs. Lois Claridge, Safford, Ariz., for radio and television shows. I do hope you will enlarge your activities in this important field.

All our national chairmen would appreciate hearing from you about your activities. Mrs. J. B. Williams, Granite Station, Bakersfield, Calif., wants to hear how you promoted Beef for Father's Day and your suggestions and ideas. So much is done and accomplished by our groups, but sometimes we fail to report it.

A good public relations activity in which I hope you will cooperate is the "Farm-City Week" set for November. The national committee is formed from farm, ranch, food, business, manufacturing and other groups to improve the understanding of agricultural business.

Kiwanis International has offered their facilities as a central office and many of their clubs sponsor farm-city programs.

Mrs. Garrison is getting out the information on this program to you now, and here is an excellent opportunity for CowBelles to help tell the real story of our industry and to build good public relations with our city cousins. With the cattlemen you might sponsor tours, or have a picnic or a community gathering. This opportunity to better urban-rural understanding should be utilized.

Betty Smith, President

#### Beef Promotion

After the general council meeting in Denver, the chairman, Mrs. Earl Morrell, sent a comprehensive list of beef promotion material available from various sources, together with an interesting and informative letter, to the presidents of all state CowBelles. These were to augment the packets of folders, etc., she had prepared and distributed to all presidents attending the Council

PR CONTEST

Notices and entry forms for the second annual cattlemen-Cow-Belles public relations contest are being distributed by Mrs. Azile Garrison, Glen, Mont., National CowBelles public relations chairman. Once again all groups are invited to submit information on their PR projects for judging by nationally known public relations executives, Deadline is Nov. 15.

meeting. I would like to quote some of this information for the benefit of local and county groups who may not yet have been contacted by their state officers; there may be ideas and material just suited to your present situation.

"It is still Outdoor Cookery season," she says, 'and I hope you are finding new and novel ways of boosting beef. Watch your magazines; so many of the better ones have pages and pages of recipes, pictures and helps on this pleasant summer and fall pastime.

"Are you having success with your booths? So many fairs and celebrations take place in late summer and early fall; this is a very good way to contact folks and put the story of beef before them in interesting ways. May I remind you, too, to contact your extension service for suggestions and helps? Exchange of ideas may just be helpful to both.

"I want to remind you again of the fine nutrition material contained in the packet sent to all state presidents at Christmas-time. There you find material excellent for use in the schools. The two booklets, "Tots at the Table" and "Eating for Your Baby-to-Be" would be serving a valuable purpose if distributed to doctors, nurses, hospitals or anyone working with the mothers of the very young. The booklet "Food to Grow On" would be fine for the elementary grades. By the use of individual scoring charts competition is created, to the advantage of the children involved. Each set, the booklet and record sheet, costs 20¢. A free teacher's idea folder is included in orders of 20 sets. Food habits are formed in childhood. Why not help in this easy and

novel way?

"The new food value charts in full color are excellent material for teaching nutrition in the higher grades. Each chart costs only \$1.50, which is very inexpensive and would be of great value to teachers in this field of ser-

"The fine material put out by the Beef Council is a wonderful help. First you have the Beef Guide Charts: they couldn't be better. Then for outdoor cookery there were those fine recipes for your grill: Steak with Deviled Sauce, Barbecued Beef Chuck Roast. Beef Tenderloin Snack and Beef Flank Steak Grill. That's a variety that should boost the use of beef in outdoor cookery, as well as provide a lot of fun for everyone."

-Clarissa Morrell, Chairman **Beef Promotion** 

#### Material Available

Here is a partial list of beef promotion material available with addresses and prices where known:

1. Ten Ways for CowBelles to Promote Beef. From the National Livestock and Meat Board, 407 So. Dearborn St., Room 825, Chicago 5, Ill.

2. Food and Nutrition material. Also from there.

"Tips for Teens." Also from National Live-stock and Meat Board, Price \$2.25 per 100 copies.

4. Helping YOU to Sell Beef. National Beef Council. Room B-3, Green-

shield Bldg., Boulder, Colo.

5. Planning A Community Fair
Booth. Agricultural Extension Service, P. O. Box 328, Pullman, Wash. 10¢ a

6. The Story of Beef. American Meat 6. The Story of Beer, American Meat Institute, 59 East Van Buren St., Chicago 5, Ill. Ten cents a copy. 7. Kitchen Talk. By Martha Logan, Home Economist, Swift & Co., Chicago

9, Ill. Free, but quantity limited.

8. Meat recipes for the 1960's. From National Live Stock and Meat Board. 10¢ a copy.

9. 21 Ways To Serve Hamburger. From Hunt Foods, Box 604, Fullerton. Caif. No price quoted.

10. Eight Delightful Ways To Keep Slim With Beef. Florida Beef Council, P. O. Box 646, Kissimmee, Fla.

11. How Many People Does It Take To Produce A Steak? From Swift & Co. Agricultural Research Dept., Union Stock Yards, Chicago 9, Ill. Free. (Mrs. Morrell has had large charts made, hand-drawn copies of each drawing on that poster, for use in TV promotion and wherever suitable.)

#### LEATHER EXHIBIT

Ideas for "Awards of Rewarding Leather" will be sought for, and recognized, through a special all-leather exhibit during the annual convention of the American National CowBelles in Salt Lake City next Jan. 26-28.

This was announced recently by Mrs.

Al Atchison, Englewood, Colo., chairman of the leather exhibit-contest committee of the CowBelles

The exhibit, in which both amateur and professional leather workers and designers will be invited to participate, will feature items particularly suited as awards, prizes or special gifts at stock shows, fairs, golf tournaments, etc. Mrs. Atchison explained that the committee felt that more items of leather would be included as appropriate awards "if those in charge of various events knew of the many wonderful items now being made of leather."

The exhibit would encourage leather goods manufacturers in making items for prize and award use by presenting the nation's first concentrated look at what is being done in the field and at what might be commercially suitable. Certificates of merit and other suitable recognition will be given outstanding work, with special promotion devoted to new ideas in order that potential manufacturers and users may

CowBelles interested in participating in the competition may obtain entry information and forms from their state presidents or from "Leather Exhibit," 801 East 17th Ave., Denver 18, Colo.

#### Here and There With the CowBelles

CALIFORNIA

The Alameda-Contra Costa County CowBelles met July 6 in Danville. President Mrs. Marie Ginochio of Antioch introduced Joseph Muir, farm advisor with University of California Extension Service, livestock division, who showed "By-Products of Beef" movies.

Guests and new members were introduced. A report was given on the Beef for Father's Day program, with babies born in the Livermore and Martinez hospitals receiving a case of baby beef and a beef certificate for \$5.

Report was made of a turnout of 120 at the barbecue held at Antioch Fairgrounds. Mrs. Marion Ehlers, chairman of the fair booth, reported winning first prize for Alameda County, \$200, and that the next project was setting up a booth for the Antioch fair. Convention plans were reported, and also the nutrition program held at Diablo Country Club in May.

COLORADO

Revision of the statewide CowBelle program was made at an executive committee meeting held June 24 at the Shirley-Savoy Hotel in Denver. Colorado CowBelles will concentrate their efforts on just three projects-"Beef for Father's Day," sale and distribution of beef promotion material and the hunter-landowner program—during 1960. Before the official vote was taken State President Mrs. Charles Money gave tallied results on 28 questionnaires returned from local units. In these, CowBelles had been asked to place six programs in what they considered to be the order of importance and value. This year's program was based on the results of the survey, with other projects set aside to be considered later.

Mrs. R. A. Burghart of Colorado Springs, chairman of the committee to revise the constitution and by-laws, discussed changes with the committee and was given an okay on the final draft

Mrs. Money announced that Mrs. Lucile Clark of Littleton had donated \$400 for the purpose of presenting a CowBelle show over KRMA-TV, Mrs. Lars Prestrud and Mrs. Lyle Mariner were appointed to meet with Mrs. Clark for further information on the proposed program. The committee also voted to donate \$250 to both the National Beef Council and the American National CowBelles for beef promotion.

The newly organized Hillsborough County CowBelles sponsored a summer picnic supper party in the Riverview Civic Center on Aug. 5. After a potluck supper the CowBelles and cattlemen held short separate business meetings.

June and July had been busy months for this new group. On June 10 the ladies made a trip to Reddick to attend the Marion County Cattlemen's summer meeting, visiting and talking with the ladies concerning forming a statewide CowBelle group. They plan to organize in the fall.

On June 15-17 a group of Hillsborough CowBelles attended the Florida Cattlemen's Association meeting at West Palm Beach. Again they found a definite interest in a CowBelle organ-

Plans are shaping up for the forma-tion of the Florida CowBelles during the Cattlemen's mid-winter convention, Oct. 5-7, in Tampa.

#### IDAHO

The Mini-Cassia area Cow-Belle Club of Idaho was formed recently at a luncheon in the National Hotel, Burley, Idaho. Mrs. Ernie Jones, Rupert and Mrs. Orlo Montgomery, Heyburn, were co-chairmen. A group of area women voted to form the club that will promote beef in south central Idaho, help in scholarship sponsorship and "Father of the Year" programs. Officers elected were: Mrs. Merle Clayville, Burley, president; Mrs. Orlo Montgomery, Heyburn, vice-president; Mrs. Gaylord Phillips, Heyburn, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Denny Curtis, Burley, historian.

#### MONTANA

Local Montana CowBelle groups will sponsor beef preparation courses in the state's high schools as an expansion of the work done last year in home economics classes. . Phillips County (Montana) CowBelles are making reusable baby bibs featuring "Eat Beef" designs for local hotels, restaurants and motels. "Eat More Beef" gummed stickers also served as admission tickets for the county fair.

#### Public Relations Contest-1959

Group: Oregon CowBelles
Nominator: Mrs. Kent Magruder,
Clatskanie, Ore.

Award: Merit

Description: Presenting an exhibit of the Oregon beef cattle industry at the Oregon Centennial Exposition and Trade Fair through formation of Beef, Inc., a non-profit organization.

Objectives: To tell the story of the progress of our industry and its future and to give the public a better understanding of our problems, to the common end of beef promotion and public relations.

Method: An exhibit of fresh meat to assist the consumer in identifying retail cuts:

A sound and slide "sellevision", telling that "a steer is not all steak" but that parts are delicious when properly prepared:

Personal contacts and presentation to heads of families of a "Better Buy Beef" brochure prepared for Beef, Inc., by the National Live Stock and Meat Board:

Demonstration by dioramas and transparent pictures of the modern ranch and feed yard and the historic ranch:

Presentation of industry movies. Financing: Beef, Inc., was formed to solicit the industry. Most of the money was contributed by the producers themselves through contributions, Cow-Belle potlucks and auctions. 1,183 individuals contributed \$45.872.15.

Cost: \$39,005.92. However, the exhibit had an estimated value of \$80,000. Numerous organizations contributed movies, and every major retailer in the Portland area provided the fresh meat exhibit. Remaining funds went to the Oregon CowBelles.

Problems: Careful organization and complete cooperation eliminated any special problems.

Results: In the 100 days of the exhibition, 1,300,000 paid admissions. The "Old Opera House," where cattle industry movies were shown, had an attendance of 50,000. Distribution of 100,000 of the "Better Buy Beef" brochures.

Accomplishments: Portland retailers created additional impact through expanded beef promotion and advertising. Wide publicity was given by the press.

Adaptability: Parts of this comprehensive exhibit could be adopted individually by other ranch groups.

#### Once Thriving Town Now Part of Ranch

A ghost town of their own. The unusual claim can be made by Oregon's Rouse Bros., whose address used to be Whitney but is now Hereford, Ore. The story of the one-time active town of Whitney which is now a part of the ranch of these long-time (since 1920) American National members is written up in a recent issue of the Oregonian.

The town of Whitney, which lies in Whitney Valley 15 miles from McEwen on the Baker-Sumpter Highway and from a junction on Highway 7 near Hereford, 16 miles away, started to flourish in the early 1900's when the narrow-gauge Sumpter Valley Railway line was put through. Considerable gold mining was being done within 15 miles of Whitney, and in 1907 the Oregon Lumber Co. built a sawmill. This was a signal for incorportation of the hamlet, which had an official population of 55 in the 1910 census.

In 1918 the sawmill burned, the mines were beginning to close and the roundhouse ceased operating. From a high of 97 persons in 1920, the populaof Whitney dropped to 36 in 1930 and to 19 in 1940. The 1950 count after the war showed only three people in the town, and soon they also left. Now a few houses are only briefly occupied each year during cattle drives and hunting season.

Whitney did come to life again in 1930 for a short time. Then, a good-sized sawmill was again constructed just east of town, where the Oregon Lumber Company employed about 75 men. However, when the company had cut out a block of privately owned timber during the next five years, the town again reverted to its ghost status. Dozing midway between Baker and Prairie City, it now gives little sign of the bustling community it once was.

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#### BREEDS, SHOWS

#### SANTA GERTRUDIS BULLS GO TO 2 ASIAN NATIONS

Cowart Cattle Company of Hender-son Tex., reports the sale of 13 yearling 1,000-pound-average Santa Gertrudis bulls to the governments of Cambodia and Vietnam. They are the 40th and 41st countries of the world into which the breed has been introduced: the animals will be used to up-grade the native cattle in these Asian lands, which consist mostly of small, yellow cows in the 650-pound range.

#### GERTRUDIS DISPLAY HERD TO BE IN 3 SHOWS

Santa Gertrudis Breeders Interna-tional, Kingsville, Tex., recently announced completion of plans to exhibit a composite display herd of top quality cattle of the breed at three major expositions during the 1960 fall show season. The animals will be shown at the American Royal Livestock and Horse Show, Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 14-22; Grand National Livestock Exposition, San Francisco, Oct. 21-30, and the International Livestock Exposition, Chicago, Nov. 25- Dec. 3. The exhibit will be assembled in Dallas in mid-October

#### CHICAGO YARDS SLATE **4 FALL FEEDER SALES**

Four fall feeder cattle sales will be held at the Chicago Stock Yards this year. Dates for the sales are Sept. 30, Oct. 14 and Nov. 11. The 16th annual Chicago Feeder Show and Sale will be held Oct. 27-29. Last year more than \$2.5 million worth of feeder cattle were sold at the four Chicago sales, with nine states represented in the consignments

#### \$75,000 PREMIUMS SET UP FOR 1960 AMERICAN ROYAL

Officials of the 1960 American Royal Livestock Show to be held Oct. 14-22 at Kansas City report that cash awards and prices totaling more than \$75,000 will be awarded in this year's show. Stocker and feeder events promise to bring record entries as a result of favorable range conditions throughout the nation. Last year 10,041 head of commercial cattle were sold to 71 buyers from 13 states. All cattle activities at the Royal show will be named the Arthur D. Weber Cattle Show in honor of the dean of agriculture at Kansas State University, Manhattan.

#### ANGUS ASSOCIATION NAMES **ACTING REGISTRAR**

Wayne R. Cooper has been appointed acting registrar of the American Angus Association, assuming the duties of the late A. R. Birmingham. Mr. Cooper, a native of Missouri, has been with the association since its offices were moved from Chicago to St. Joseph in June 1956.

#### SAN FRANCISCO SHOW OPENS OCT. 21 FOR 10 DAYS

The 16th annual Grand National Livestock Exposition, opening Oct. 21 for a 10-day run at San Francisco's Cow Palace, will offer cash prices for beef cattle totaling \$44,650.50 of the grand total of \$91,814.50 for the exposition. The new two-day National Feeder Show and Sale will offer \$8.820. Also new this year, pens of two registered bulls will compete for \$2.433 in prize money.

#### FOUR YOUTHS SUE OVER CHICAGO SHOW BAN

Four teen-agers, part of a group of 16 exhibitors last year disqualified from showing their steers in the Chicago International Livestock Exposition, have brought suit in the matter for a total of \$1 million. Their animals were barred from the competition under a new rule designed to prevent unethical fitting. (Five of the carcasses were later examined after slaughter by state veterinarians who reported they found no evidence of such unethical fitting.) The four \$250,000 suits claim the reputations of the plaintiffs were wrongfully damaged by the incident

#### AMERICAN ANGUSMEN WITNESS RECORD PRICE SALE

American cattlemen who visited the 1960 Palermo International Livestock Exposition in Buenos Aires, Argentina, while on an Angus-association-sponsored South American tour, saw the setting of a new world record when the grand champion Aberdeen-Angus bull of the show sold at auction for 11 million pesos (\$134,200.) In 1959 the Angus champion had set the previous record at 7 million pesos.

#### LASATER RANCH SELLS CATTLE ON UNIQUE BASIS

During August, cattlemen from eight states took delivery of Beefmaster bulls and bred cows at the Lasater Ranch, Matheson. Colo. It was the 11th year of operation under the Beefmaster Plan, a unique mail order cattle marketing plan. All cattle sold under the program are contracted sight unseensometimes months in advance. At time of delivery, buyers make their selections in order in which their signed contracts were postmarked; the price is the same for all, but each buyer receives a freight allowance based on the distance between his ranch and Matheson. The ranch will have about 100 yearling Beefmaster steers for September delivery.

#### 2 KING RANCH BULLS AVERAGE \$12,804 IN S.A.

A report from Buenos Aires states that King Ranch Argentina recently sold two purebred Santa Gertrudis bulls at public auction for \$14,634 and \$10,975. Bidding was reported lively on the two yearlings, the first of the breed

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#### GLOWATY PERSONNEL HEAD

The secretary of the American Angus Association, Frank Richards, announces appointment of Edward G. Glowaty as director of personnel of the national breed organization headquartered in St. Joseph, Mo. He has served as office manager of the organization since it moved from Chicago in 1956: he first joined the group in 1952.

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ization, he said, is aimed at aiding the industry search out and identify those lines within all breeds which are producing an acceptable "meat type" animal at the desired market weights, and to make its offspring available to registered and commercial cattlemen alike.

PRI HEAD POINTS TO MODERN BEEF APPROACH

The president of Performance Registry International, F. R. Carpenter of Hayden, Colo., has told 300 cattlemen at College Station, Tex., that "the beef cattle industry is on the verge of a volcanic eruption in the form of performance testing as a method of selection of better producing cattle." He said the cattleman must face two big problems today: efficient, profitable production for the beef producer and feeder, and an even more consumerpleasing quality of beef. His organ-



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#### Deaths

Dr. A. F. Vass: The former head of the department of agricultural economics at Wyoming University passed away at his home in Laramie on Aug. 15 after long illness. A Kansas native, Dr. Vass had started with the university as an associate professor in 1917, and through the years had taken an interest in many livestock and research groups and activities. He was a life member of the Wyoming Stock Growers Association. His colleagues have established the A. F. Vass Memorial Scholarship Fund, to assist deserving students in agriculture.

Don McRae: Mr. McRae, who in May was elected first vice-president of the Montana Stockgrowers Association at the annual convention in Missoula, died unexpectedly at Forsyth last month. He was widely known among the state's stockmen and had previously served the association as a member of the executive committee.

Lewis T. Nordyke: A heart attack killed this well known newspaperman and author in July at Marfa, Tex., where he had gone to gather material for his writing. Mr. Nordyke, 54, was a native of Texas, and among his numerous books was included "The Great Roundup", a history of the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

William States Jacobs, Jr.: The son of one of the founders of the American Brahman Breeders Association and himself well known in the industry, Mr. Jacobs died in July at Houston.

#### Government Bureau Moving To Settle Old Land Trades

Under a law passed on July 6, 1960, the government is moving to clear title to tracts on national forest and park lands. In the past there have been private lands within these federal lands transferred to the United States and in most cases the titles have been settled, but in some cases "lieu selections" were not filed or carried through. So, any person having "compensable claim" for lands conveyed to the United States has a year from July 6, 1960, in which to submit his claim to the Department of the Interior or the Bureau of Land Management.

If we consume meat at the 1959 rate, says Robert L. Coppersmith, extension economist at Kansas State University, in 1965 we will need to slaughter 17% more cattle, 11% more calves, 18% more sheep and lambs and 10% more hogs. In 1970, he says, we would slaughter 28% more cattle, 22% more calves, 29% more sheep and lambs and 20% more hogs.

#### HERRELL DEGRAFF'S BOOK

Initial copies of "Beef Production and Distribution," Dr. Herrell DeGraff's report of the beef business, have come in from the bindery, and those who sent in pre-publication orders should have received their copies by now.

A limited number of copies are available to American National members at \$5 each, postpaid, from the American National office. Upon publication date of Sept. 22, all books must be obtained from book stores or from the University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, Okla.

Members who have not already ordered a copy may send their check for \$5 for each copy to Fact-Finding Committee, American National Cattlemer's Association, 801 East 17th Ave., Denver 18. Colo.

The 275-page book is an expanded and "popularized" version of reports submitted by Dr. DeGraff, Babcock professor of food economics at Cornell University, to the fact-finding committee of the American National. Dr. DeGraff has been serving as research director and consultant to the committee for three years.

"Beef Production and Distribution," in spite of its title, touches little upon what Dr. DeGraff calls the "dynamics of cattle production," because, as he terms it, "the facts of beef breeding, feeding and range management are well known to any cowman."

"But cattlemen participate in an economy that becomes ever more complex. With live animals as their unit of sale, they are not turning out a product in either the final form or place that is desired by consumers. Firms far removed from the ranch or feedlot perform many intermediate services to convert cattle to beef and to make beef attractive and competitive in the consumer market."

**Prof. DeGraff** then develops, through nine interrelated chapters, an objective picture of what it takes to get the beef animal along the path toward growing and continued popularity. Because the violent backlashes of cycles in cattle numbers are of serious concern to beefmakers, he dwells extensively on the cyclical nature of the business and upon the critical need for balancing supply with "reasonable demand".

Dr. DeGraff also provides students of the industry with a comprehensive analysis of the entire feeding, marketing, processing and distributing system. He concludes with a speculative study of new production, processing and merchandising practices.

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#### Louisiana & Mississippi Areas In Emergency Feed Status

In late August eight parishes in Louisiana were designated for emergency feed sales. Previously nine parishes in the state and 34 counties in Mississippi had been designated as emergency feed areas under the program permitting purchase of government-owned feed grains at current support prices. In all, 51 counties or parishes are in the emergency program. The USDA secretary, after certifica-tion of the governor of a state, is authorized to designate emergency areas if he decides there is a feed shortage as a result of flood, drouth, hurricane, tornado, earthquake, or other catastrophe, including disease or insect infestation. In the Louisiana and Mississippi cases drouth and the last long cold winter made the areas eligible.



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A Brown Swiss cow owned by Gerald Seyers, whose farm is located near Brandon, Iowa, recently gave birth to quadruple calves. The newcomers were artificially sired by an Angus bull.

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#### **FOREIGN Notes**

AUSTRALIA

The Australian ship Himalayan left for the United States on Aug. 2 with 461,440 pounds of frozen beef. During the first two weeks of July, six ships left Australia with 15.9 million pounds of frozen beef for U. S. ports. Four ships left the week of July 18 with 5.5 million pounds for our ports. In the first half of 1960 Australia sent us 59.8 million pounds of beef and yeal, compared with 78.4 million in 1959. New Zealand sent 60.3 million pounds in 1960 (61.5 million in 1959).

CANADA

The Canadian cattle and calf population as of June 1, 1960, was estimated at a record 11.5 million head-an increase of 3.5% during the year. Beef cow numbers were up 2.7%, steers 8.3%, beef heifers 3.1%, calves 4.5%, and milk cows and heifers 1.7%.

#### NEW ZEALAND

An organization has been set up in New Zealand to develop meat export markets outside the United Kingdom. It is called the New Zealand Meat Export Development Co. and is controlled by the Meat Producers Board and the New Zealand-owned Freezing Works Association

#### BRAZIL

A new vaccine against hoof-andmouth disease is reported developed by an inter-American research center in Brazil. Work will continue in an effort to produce a single vaccine effective against all three of the major strains of the disease.

#### WORLD

There are now 983 million sheep in the world. This is the 13th consecutive annual increase, resulting mainly from larger numbers in the Communist bloc countries

#### RUSSIA

The Iowa rancher and hybrid seed corn raiser who played host last year to Nikita Khrushchev, Roswell Garst of Coon Rapids, recently shipped 200 unbred heifers to Russia.

On July 1 Japan placed cattle hides and calf and kip skins on the automatic approval list, the Foreign Agricultural Service reports.

Hawaii Has 185,000

Cattle; 166,000 Beef Animals
Beef herds in the state of Hawaii on Jan. 1 of this year contained 166,100 head of cattle and calves and there were 506 ranches spread over the five islands with 10 or more head. Total number of cattle and calves, including dairy animals, was 185,900; the calf crop comprised 67% of the total.



Sept. 16-20—American Meat Institute meeting, Chicago. Oct. 17-18—Fall meeting, National Hide Assn.,

Chicago.
Oct. 18-20—Florida Cattlemen's Assn. conven-

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Oct. 19-20—Tanners Council meeting, Chicago.
Oct. 21—California Cattle Feeders, board of directors, San Francisco.
Oct. 27-28—National Swine Industry Conference, University of Kentucky.
Oct. 30-Nov. 1—47th convention, Idaho Cattlemen's Assn., Boise.
Nov. 10-12—Oregon Cattlemen's Assn. convention

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Nov. 12-19—National Grange meeting, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Nov. 14-13—Industry-wide Beef Grading Conference, Kansas City.

Nov. 14-15—National Agric. Credit Conference (ABA) Denver.

Dec. 1-3—Arizona Cattle Growers meeting,
Tucson.

Dec. 7-8—Oklahoma Cattlemen's convention,

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Dec. 8-10—California Cattlemen's convention,
Santa Barbara.
Dec. 9-10—Utah Cattlemen's convention, Salt

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Dec. 11-15—American Farm Bureau Federation meeting, Denver, Colo.
Jan. 11-13—Mississippi Cattlemen's convention, Jackson.
Jan. 13-21—National Western Stock Show,

ing, Raleigh.
22-25—Nat'l Wool Growers Assn. conven-

Jan. 22-25—Nat'l Wool Growers Assn. conven-tion, Denver.

Jan. 25-28, 1961—64th annual convention, American National Cattlemen's Assn., Sait Lake City, Utah.

#### WHOLESALE MEAT PRICES

(Chicago)

Beef.	Choice	Aug. 25, 1960 \$38.50-43.00	Aug. 27, 1959 \$43.50-46.00
Beef.	Good .	38.00-42.00	41.50-44.50
Beef.	Std	34.50-38.50	40.00-43.00
Veal,	Prime .	50.00-53.00	54.00-57.00
Veal.	Choice	47.00-50.00	49.00-53.00
Veal,	Good	41.00-48.00	44.00-51.00
Lamb	, Choice	39.00-45.00	43.00-47.00
Lamb	, Good	38.00-42.50	41.00-45.00
Pork	Loin. 8	-12# 43.50-46.50	37.00-40.00

#### CHICAGO LIVESTOCK PRICES

	Aug. 25, 1960	Aug. 27, 1959
Steers, Prime	\$25.00-26.50	\$28.00-29.50
Steers, Choice	23.00-25.50	26.75-28.25
Steers, Good		25.00-27.00
Steers, Std.		23.50-25.00
Cows, Comm.	13.00-15.75	18.00-19.50
Vealers, GdCh.	22.00-25.00	31.00-33.004
Vealers, Std.		25.00-31.00
F.&S. Strs., GdCh	21.00-27.50	25.00-35.50
F.&S. Strs., Cm	18.00-21.50	23.50-28.00
Hogs (180-240#)		14.00-15.00
Lambs, GdCh.		18.00-22.00
Ewes, GdCh(* Gd. only)		4.00- 5.00

#### COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

(In thousands of pounds)				
July	June	July	5-Yr.	
Frozen Beef 135.917	1960 135,599		Avg. 113.082	
Cured Beef 9,671	9,746	12,437	10,141	
Total Pork291,173	351,127	248,352	246,119	
Veal 7,590	7,733	8,450	9,668	
Lamb, Mutton 13,057	11,654	17,374	10,151	

#### FEDERALLY INSP. SLAUGHTER

(In thousands)

	Cattle	Calves	Hogs	sneep
July 1960	1,592	374	4,364	1,115
July 1959	1,557	382	5,184	1,107
7 mos. 1960	10,880	2,827	38.918	7,814
7 mos. 1959	9,870	2,736	38,012	7,826
(Cow and heifer total federally against 40.9% in	inspect	ted cat		

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